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Defense Zones

1. [] the Communists in South China established a local operational system to prepare for future military needs. Command functions were separated, with military administration to be under the military districts, and general staff activities to be under the National Defense 1 and 2 War Defense Zones (chan fang ch'u). The 1 Zone was to extend from Amoy through Swatow to Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52); and the 2 Zone, from Lungyen (117-02, 25-07) through Yungting (116-44, 24-43) and Meihsien (116-13, 24-18) to Hsinfeng (114-06, 24-07), Wengyuan (113-48, 24-30), and Yingte (113-21, 24-12). The Ch'inhsien (108-37, 21-58) and Fangch'eng (108-23, 21-16)¹ region in southern Kwangtung was not included in the defense zones, but was considered in a plan for aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The basic troops to be employed in such a defense system were to be part of the 10 Army Group of the 3 Field Army (FA) and the 15 Army Group of the 4 FA, assisted by all militia units in the province. In the 1 War Defense Zone the commander was YEH Chien-ying, and the deputy commanders were TENG Hua (6772/5478) and YEH Fei (5509, 7378).

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Kwangtung Military District and Sub-Districts

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2. [] the Kwangtung Military District Command was the supreme military administrative organ in Kwangtung. Aside from Hainan Island, which was under the Ch'iungyai administrative zone, Kwangtung was divided into nine military sub-districts, which commanded their militia units and handled all military administrative details as follows:

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Military Sub-District	Commander	Special Commissioner	Headquarters	Administrative District	Number of hsien under its command
		T'AN T'ien-tu			
First	LIANG Kuang (2733/1684)	(6223/1131/ 3256)	Chaoch'ing (112-29, 23-04)	West River	10
Second	LIN Ping LIU Yung-sheng (0491/3057/ 3932)	TU Yung (2629/6978) LU Wei-liang (4151/0251/ 5328)	Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50)	North River	16
Third	WEN Yu-ch'ang (3306/3763/ 2052)	TS'ENG Kuang (2582/1684)	Meih sien	Hsingning- Meih sien	7
Fourth	TS'AI Kue- liang (5591/ 0948/2856)	Ch'aoan (116-37, 23-42)	Ch'aoan- Swatow		8
Fifth	TS'AI Kue- liang (5591/ 0948/2856)	TS'AI Feng (5591/6912)	Huiyang (114-26, 23-05)	East River	11
Sixth	TS'ENG Sheng (2582/3932)	YEN Shang-min (0917/1424/ 3046)	Shihch'i (113-22, 22-30)	Pearl River	8
Seventh	CHUNG Ming-feng (6945/2494/ 6912)	HSIEH Ch'uang (6200/0482)	K'ai-p'ing (112-31, 22-31)	Central Kwangtung	10
Eighth	WU Yu-heng (0702/2589/ 1854)	LI Chin-chieh (2621/6651/ 7132)	Chanchiang ² (109-49, 22-54)	Kaochou- Leichou	10
Ninth	CH'EN Ming- Sheng (7115/ 7686/4141)	CH'EN Ming- chiang (7115/ 2494/3068)	Fangch'eng ¹ (108-23, 21-46)	Ch'inh sien- Lienchiang	4

War Defense Zones

3. [] the command in the War Defense Zones, which had absorbed troops withdrawn from the Korean front, was divided as follows: 50X1-HUM

- a. The 1 War Defense Zone: Kwangtung 4, 5, 6, and 7 Military Sub-Districts; elements of the 15 Army Group of the 4 FA; the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column and the Central Kwangtung Column; the 4 Naval Fleet, based at Whampoa; the 9 Air Squadron, based at Canton; and the Peiping Paratroop Detachment, based in Swatow and Amoy.
- b. The 2 War Defense Zone: Kwangtung 3 Military Sub-District; the South Fukien Military Sub-District; elements of the 10 Army Group of the 3 FA; the Kwangtung-Kiangsi-Fukien Border Column; the 5 Naval Fleet, based at Amoy; and the 9 Air (sic) Squadron.

Organization of the Kwangtung Military District Command

4. [] officers in the Kwangtung Military District Command were as follows: Commander, YEH Chien-ying; deputy commander, HUNG Hsueh-chih; political commissar, TSENG Sheng; deputy political commissar, HSIAO Hsiang-jung; and chief-of-staff, LI Tso-p'eng. The command was divided into a political division (pu 6752) and four departments (ch'u 5710), and controlled regular and militia troops. The regulars included garrison forces, supply service forces, air defense forces, various corps, transportation corps, emergency defense corps, replacement divisions, and all militia battalions (ta-tui). Organizations in close liaison with the command were the administration special commissioner's office, labor unions, the women's association, the peasant's association, and the Youth Corps. Other local organizations subordinate to the command included

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a troop-joining committee, an agrarian reform committee, a committee for operation against the enemy, a local operations committee, and all militia units in the area.

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1. Comment. [] a part of Kwangtung has been attached to Kwangsi. Fangch'eng is in this area and may thus no longer be considered part of the 9 Military Sub-District.

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2. Comment. [] no explanation for the fact that Chanchiang is in Kwangsi, though it is included in a Kwangtung military sub-district.

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